

make a ratio by being combined, or until the whole number of representatives to be elected is made up. The Legislature shall fix the number of which this House shall consist between one hundred and one hundred and twenty; and when it is fixed, the same shall not be altered until the next succeeding apportionment. The enumeration of the population of this State may be made in such manner as the Legislature shall direct; but in case they do not prescribe a different mode, the census of the State last taken under the authority of the United States preceding the allotment, shall be the enumeration by which representation shall be apportioned. The census which was last taken by the Government of the United States shall be the enumeration by which the next General Assembly shall make the apportionment of representatives.

42. The General Assembly shall regulate by law the manner of electing the general and field officers of the militia; but if at any time the public safety or interest, in their opinion, requires them to do so, they may elect such officers by joint ballot, or otherwise: *Provided*, that this article shall not in any manner affect officers whose commissions issued upon elections heretofore made.

43. All free white men possessed of a freehold in any town in this State, having a right of representation under the Constitution, and also all free white men who have been inhabitants of any such town twelve months next before and at the day of election, and shall have paid public taxes, shall be entitled to vote for a member to represent such town in the House of Commons: *Provided always*, that this section shall not entitle any inhabitant of such town to vote for members of the House of Commons for the county in which he may reside, nor any freeholder in such county, who resides without or beyond the limits of such town, to vote for a member for such town.

44. The House of Commons shall have the sole power of impeachment.

45. All impeachments shall be tried by the Senate; and when sitting for that purpose, the Senators shall be on oath or affirmation. No person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two thirds of the members present.

46. Upon conviction of any officer liable to impeachment, judgment in such cases shall not extend further than removal from office and disqualification to hold any office of honor, trust or profit under this State; and the party convicted may moreover be liable and subject to indictment, trial and punishment according to law.

47. All officers now filling any office or appointment shall continue in the exercise of the rights and duties of their respective offices or appointments for the terms now by law authorised, unless by this Constitution it is otherwise directed; and all laws in force at the time of making the several amendments to the Constitution, and which are not inconsistent therewith, all rights, actions, prosecutions, claims and contracts of any description, shall continue as if this Constitution had not been made.

48. The city of Raleigh shall be the seat of Government of this State, the unalterable place of holding the future General Assemblies of the same, and the place of residence of the chief executive officers of the State.

49. No part of this Constitution shall be altered, unless a bill for that purpose, specifying the alterations intended to be made, shall have